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I am a single mother of 2 young boys. I have been unemployed for about 3 years and also have been unable to find a job. I have applied to over 114 jobs and have had 2 interviews. I have some college experience but I do not have a degree. I have applied for section 8 housing which is a 3-6 year wait, housing assistance (which they won't provide since I have no job or income to prove I can pay my rent next month), LIHEAP told me they are out of funds as well. I now visit every food pantry possible hoping to receive soap and toilet paper. I have been receiving food stamps as well. What about rent, a car, electricity. Water? My 2 young children and I are about to be homeless. The shelters only provide a month or so of housing before we would have to leave. The reality of being homeless with my 2 children is terrifying. I can not believe there even has to be a discussion on if more unemployment benefits should be provided or not! You all are my than welcome to come and see the struggle we are going through. Benefits need to be extended and there has to be jobs created.

Please pass an extension of unemployment and create more jobs. Thank you.